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LLOYD WILL BE STRIPPED OF HIS AUTHORITY

And His Power Will Be Curtailed to That of a Simple Announcer for the Senate

No More Will He Exercise the Autocratic Prerogative and Functions of a Self-Constituted Czar

JEFFERSON CITY, Dec. 29.—

(Correspondence.)—With the opening of the Fifty-second general assembly of Missouri less than a week in the future it is still unsettled as to who is to be president pro tem in the senate, and upon which democratic representative will be bestowed the exalted but strenuous glory of being speaker of the house. Democratic candidates for both honors are numerous but the number will dwindle down materially before the next legislature is called to order by Lieutenant-Governor Hiram Lloyd of St. Louis.

The next state senate being democratic by four it will name a staunch partyman to be president pro tem. This official will name all committees and preside over all important deliberations of that body. Lieutenant-Governor Lloyd will be completely stripped of authority and power and be officially tolerated only to the extent that he is the second chief executive official of Missouri. It will be his duty at \$7 per diem to call the senate to order daily and adjourn it on motion at the close of each session. John C. McKinley of Unionville and the late Jacob F. Gmelch, formerly of Boonville, two former republican lieutenant-governors during the last fourteen years, were in the same predicament in their terms owing to a democratic majority in the senate. The incoming senate consists of nineteen democrats and fifteen republicans.

"Casey at the Bat" Among the democratic senators, hold-overs and newly elected, favorably mentioned for president pro tem of the senate are: M. E. Casey of Kansas City, Michael Kinney of St. Louis, Frank H. Farris of Rolla, former lieutenant-governor William R. Painter of Carrollton, James E. Whitecotton of Paris and Moberly, and Banker Walter Brownlee of Brookfield. From St. Louis comes the information that Senator Casey is in the lead in this interesting contest with nine of the nineteen democratic senators pledged to his support. Only one more senator is needed to confer the honor on this Kaw parliamentarian when the democratic majority caucuses to perfect its organization on Tuesday, January 2, the day before the general assembly convenes. It is also stated that Senator Farris has nine votes pledged for the honor of being Democratic floor leader. Further information from St. Louis, where the Democratic senators conferred recently, is to the effect that all hold-over and re-elected toga wearers are behind Senators Casey and Farris for the places just enumerated, and that chairmanships of important committees will be thrown to Senators Whitecotton, Brownlee, A. W. McCawley of Carthage, Ernest R. James of St. Joseph, Painter, Nick T. Cave of Fulton, David Bagby, Jr., of Fayette, Samuel Cunningham of Cahoon, Joseph H. Brogan and Michael Kinney of St. Louis, B. T. Gordon of Liberty, Jefferson D. Hostetter of Bowling Green and Tillman W. Anderson of Commerce, because of their past legislative experience and their parliamentary abilities. It is fully realized that errors of magnitude must not be com-

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PREACHER ROPEL GOT ROPED UP

George L. Roper, who for three years was pastor of the Church of the Nazarene at Eleventh and Pacific streets in this city and for seventeen years had followed that profession, is now in the Iowa state pen serving out an indeterminate sentence of forty years for cracking a safe in Des Moines and stealing \$49 from it. He was caught red handed.

DRY CORN PRODUCTS CO. TO START

A new \$100,000 industrial, the Dry Corn Products Co., has been organized and will begin business in the old Fauett Mills building at Seventh and Olive. Jacob Ungerman, president of the American Paper Co., who owns the above named plant, is one of the active promoters of the new enterprise which will be in going shape in the next few weeks.

DEATH OF MRS. ABIGAIL CAMPBELL

When she was but a little girl Mrs. Abigail Campbell, wife of George H. Campbell, then was brought here from Mt. Airy, N. C., by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Deatherage, pioneer residents of this county, and all of the rest of her eighty years were spent here doing good for her fellow creatures. Wednesday night she passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James C. Harris, 1018 Henry street, after a two weeks' illness. Friday afternoon at the Wyatt Park Christian church, of which she was a devoted member, Rev. J. A. Dillger and Rev. C. M. Chilton told of her good life, after which her remains were laid to rest eternal. Mrs. P. H. Moore of Kansas City is another daughter.

THE BURLINGTON STRIKERS WHO DO NOT RETURN BY TUESDAY LOSE ALL RIGHTS

It will be all day after Tuesday the coming week, for the striking Burlington employees who do not accept the company's offer will after that time lose all pension and pass privileges and if they come back to work must after that date come in as new employees. As the strike has been lost months ago it is thought that a number of old employees will apply, who do not want to see all their early years rendered nil. The following is the order pended:

"Up to this time local officers in the mechanical department have been permitted to extend pension and pass privileges to former shop employees returning to our service. Effective Jan. 1 this privilege is permanently withdrawn and those re-entering our service will do so as entirely new employees."

"There have been reports and rumors that some adjustment is contemplated with former shops organizations. There is no possibility of any settlement being considered now, or at any time in the future."

NORMALCY HAS REACHED THE FEMALE CONTINGENT

Mrs. Rosa E. Dennis of Ridgeway, Mo., who gives her occupation as farmer-housewife, has filed voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the federal court here, listing assets of \$760 and liabilities of \$1,412.47.

THE LATEST FROM MAINE

These Are Not the Last Election Returns But Are Far More Interesting.

Under a new law the use of ice for drinking purposes is forbidden in the State of Maine.

Augusta, Me.—John J. Sweeney, licensed ice dealer, was arrested here today charged with violating Section 249 of the anti-ice law. It is alleged that he was making deliveries of ice that had not been previously treated with cyanide of potassium, as required by law. A wagonload of evidence was seized and taken to the municipal cooler to be produced at the trial.

Portland, Me.—The police today raided the Eagle hotel during the dinner hour and seized a quantity of cracked ice on a table in the main dining room. The manager protested that the ice was being used to keep the butter hard, but the authorities say they have evidence that guests were surreptitiously drinking the ice water in their butter dishes. There were several arrests.

Jones Corners, Me.—Charged with having served a glass of chocolate ice cream soda to a patron without a permit Glenn Binkerd, local pharmacist, was taken into custody this evening by State Ice Enforcement Officer Glumph. According to Officer Glumph the ice cream was below the temperature fixed by law. The arrest caused a sensation, as Binkerd is a deacon in the First Baptist church.

Rangely, Me.—Heavy deposits of ice are reported forming on the surface of the lakes in this region. The police are investigating.

Kennebunkport, Me.—Formation of the People's Near Ice Corporation, a \$3,000,000 concern, is announced here. The company intends to begin production of a substance called near ice, which has the appearance and flavor of ice, but is not nearly so cold.

Waterville, Me.—Colby College authorities are much disturbed over rumors of midnight ice orgies among the students. The fact is reported to be particularly prevalent among the freshmen, many of whom are said to have appeared at morning chapel plainly under the influence of ice. The student Self-Governing board is investigating.

Camphorville, Me.—Squads of state ice inspectors raided the Willard H. Camphor Memorial hospital here last night, arrested fifteen patients in the fever ward, and seized thirty ice caps as evidence. It was reported that a disgruntled nurse had told the police that patients were cooling their tongues on the frost-incrusted rubber.

AND SUCH IS FAME

The Newly Rich GOP Senator From Michigan Displayed His Knowledge of Men.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Such is fame!

The Hon. James E. Watson of Indiana, the glad hand artist among the senators, is wont to extend fraternal senatorial greetings to the newly chosen senators. The other day he walked into the office of James Couzens, the multi-millionaire senator recently appointed to succeed Senator Newberry from Michigan.

"My name's Watson," he said, slapping Couzens on the back in affectionate Indiana style.

"What can I do for you?" asked Couzens, giving him the flashy stare a new senator may be expected to hand the many who pile in on him to ask favors.

"I'm a senator," continued the Hon. "Jim," seeing that Couzens hadn't "got" him.

"That so," said Couzens. "Glad to meet you, I'm sure. Let's see, what state are you from?"

The Hon. Senator Jim nearly died from the shock but he managed to inform the new senator that he was from Indiana. "Jim Watson of Indiana, you know."

"What are you?" persisted Couzens, "Republican or Democrat?"

Sensor Watson has sufficiently recovered to take his usual seat in the senate once more.

William Chalfan, 77 years of age, a retired farmer living at 366 South Eighteenth street, attempted suicide by the razor route Monday night, but after badly slashing his neck failed to shuffle off.

THE TRAFFIC IN PLACES GOES MERRILY ONWARD

AND MANY A "DESERVING PATRIOT" IS BEING GIVEN A GOOD JOB

BUT NOT BEFORE HE "CAME ACROSS" PROPERLY

Congressman Harrison of Virginia

Read into the Record and Produced the Letters and Checks to Substantiate His Claim That Some

Gop Senators and Representatives at Washington Were Selling the Patronage in Their Districts and Were Getting the Cold Cash in Hand for the Commodity Which They Had to Sell.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—Additional evidence of the Republican practice of peddling federal patronage in Southern states was given to the country by Congressman T. W. Harrison of Virginia, when he read to the House of Representatives a bundle of original letters written by and to Representative Slomp (Republican) of that state, and his secretary, L. B. Howard, on the subject of this traffic.

Canceled checks drawn in Representative Slomp's favor and endorsed by him were also included among the exhibits of this Republican barter and sale of public office.

Checks produced by Representative Harrison showed that more than \$900 had been collected by Howard and turned over to Representative Slomp. Some of the money garnered from successful applicants for federal jobs went to the Republican National committee, the letters showed.

"I have your letters in regard to the collection of money for post offices," Representative Slomp wrote to one of his collectors. "One must be careful about this," he cautioned. "It will bring the party into disrepute, which would be bad for every one. We must preserve our standing with the people and the administration."

Read This Extract

The tenor of the other letters is indicated by this extract from one that Slomp's secretary wrote to one "Dear Ben" on the subject of an ap-

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MAIL SERVICE ON MONDAY

There Will Be No Deliveries of Mail Made on New Year's Day.

Monday, January 1, 1923, being observed as a legal holiday, all divisions of the main post office and all stations receiving and dispatching mail, will be closed all day.

There will be no deliveries of mail by city letter carriers throughout the city on New Year's day.

Should it be desired to secure a particular piece of mail on New Year's day, the patron may leave a special delivery stamp at the Information Window in the west main lobby of the post office not later than 8 p. m. on Saturday, December 30, 1922, when it will be affixed to the particular piece of mail specified and same will be delivered where desired by special delivery messenger on New Year's day. This of course applies to mail desired to be delivered within the city delivery limits of the post office.

CRUSHED THE SKULL OF GRONCAK

Three minutes after he had let three young women step from his auto at Lake and Cherokee streets Tuesday, Joseph Groncak of 6702 King Hill avenue, while driving his car at high speed down Lake went keramsh into a telephone pole, breaking the pole in two sections and crushing the speeder's skull so badly that he died a few moments later. He was a butcher at Swift's and leaves his parents and one sister.

AGAINST THE ROTTEN FATTY

The officers of District No. 8 of the St. Joseph Teachers' division of the Missouri State Teachers' Association on Wednesday telegraphed a strong appeal to Will H. Hays, motion picture commissioner, asking him to reconsider his decision and not allow the rotten Fatty Arbuckle to again insult the people of the United States by allowing his pictures to be shown on the screen. Other local organizations have sent protests, and the sentiment of the community in general is against the filthy producer and his pictures.

William John Henry, a well known stationary engineer, died at his home, 2424 Patee street, Tuesday morning.

NORMALCY IN FLOCKS

Coming So Fast That It Cannot Be Kept Track of by Its Gatherers.

Petitions in voluntary bankruptcy were filed in federal court here Wednesday by Benjamin F. Benzelle, a farmer near Gallatin, Mo., who lists assets at \$103,517.75 and debts at \$44,664.54; and by Albert D. Jenkins, a farmer of near Ridgeway, Mo., who gives liabilities at \$3,890.53, and assets, \$458.

On the same afternoon four debtors of Charles W. Humphrey of Ridgeway filed a petition against him. W. T. Hall of Ottumwa, Iowa, claims that Humphrey owes him \$107.50; the Bloom Collier Company of Keokuk, Iowa, says he owes them \$138.41; the Carlsbad Manufacturing Company of Nashville, Tenn., holds a debt of \$78 against him; and the Burnham, Munger, Rowe Company of Kansas City says he owes them \$394.95.

A petition against C. W. Kapp of St. Joseph was also filed in federal court the same day by Naomi Althouse, who says he owes her \$2,000; by the Western Dairy Company, St. Joseph, which claims \$207.40, and Brown & Bigelow of St. Paul, who claim \$20.

THE NAME OF WILSON

Five Hundred Enthusiastic Admirers of the Great War President Do Him Honor.

If Walter H. Robinson, who was the original promoter of the Woodrow Wilson birthday dinner observance here, had worked a thousand years he could not have achieved a greater success with the affair than he did Thursday night with but two weeks' preparation. A more pleasing or complete success could not have been secured, no matter how much was done in the matter of preparation. The Hotel Robidoux crystal dining room never looked prettier than it did that night when in the presence of over 500 enthusiastic friends of the great war president, Judge Thomas H. Allen acting as toastmaster arose and introduced Dr. Burris A. Jenkins of Kansas City as the first speaker. Many sought to attend the dinner but could not as the tickets were limited to 500 and they were all taken as soon as issued.

Dr. Jenkins was at his best and he held his audience well in hand during his entire speech, which was continually punctuated by applause. He reviewed the course of Mr. Wilson through all of the trying times that preceded and during the period of the great war and the difficulties he had to contend with in the peace treaties, all of which efforts he characterized as displays of wisdom, sagacity and prudence not to be equalled. In closing he said:

"The people of the country erected at the capitol the tallest monument in the world in honor of the father of the country. Later they erected on the banks of the Potomac the widest monument in the world in honor of the father of freedom. And some day, they will erect both the tallest and the widest monument, too, to the father of peace among nations."

Mrs. Peter Oleon of Cloquet, Minn., brought the great dinner to a close when she arose at her place beside the big birthday cake with its sixty-six candles that stood at the speakers' table and delivered a eulogy on the great statesman and war president.

FRANK DECULOZ KILLED BY UNKNOWN

While Frank Deculoz, a Mexican, stood at Sixth and Maple Wednesday waiting to board a street car, a big touring car raced by and striking him killed him almost instantly. After striking the man the scoundrel put on more speed and escaped for the time being. The dead man leaves a wife and three children.

SAY COMMISSIONERS WOULD RESIGN

A dispatch to an evening paper from Jefferson City yesterday states that it is current rumor around that city, that police commissioners Fulkerson, Wyatt and Morgan are anxious to resign and get out of the police harness.

DOWN FROM THE MOUNT TO NORMALCY

W. C. Driskell of Mount Moriah, Mo., has filed voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the federal court here, listing assets at \$692.50 and debts at \$2,565.60.

MUST BE FREE FROM ALL OUTSIDE INFLUENCES

AND MUST HAVE THE CO-OPERATION OF THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY

AND ALSO HAVE THE ASSISTANCE OF THE SHERIFF

Or His Administration as Prosecuting Attorney Cannot Be Made a Success

Is the Deduction of County Prosecutor Perry A. Brubaker Who Rightfully and Justly Says That He Has Never Had a Fair Share of Help and Consistent Support Since He Entered Upon the Duties of the Office Which He Is Now Resigning.

To the Editor of The Observer:

I believe the press has a misapprehension of the power of the prosecuting attorney in enforcing the criminal laws of our state. Two years ago when I was elected to this office, I made a resolution that I would fairly and impartially enforce the laws as fully as I was able to do. This resolution I have fully kept, and I have no regrets to offer to the people of Buchanan county for any failure on my part in carrying out this resolution. When I came up here I had little experience in the practice of criminal law, though I had had the best of training so far as legal experience in civil matters was concerned. Immediately I mastered all the intricacies of the criminal practice, and the records will show that no case has been thrown out of court on any technicality affecting the conduct of this office. It is true that in one or two instances informations have been quashed on facts outside of anything known to the prosecuting attorney, and this could not be charged to him in the prosecution of criminal matters. The average man does not realize that to secure the enforcement of criminal laws we must first have a prosecuting attorney who is untrammeled and free from all outside influences.

At this time we elect the prosecuting attorney by a political party. The result naturally is that the man who is going to hold his influence as prosecutor.

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WHY NOT 25 CENTS?

Acting Governor Lloyd's Estimate of the Value of Human Life.

Acting Governor Lloyd's valuation of human life is altogether too high—in fact murder with him seems according to his valuation of penalty, but a trifle, as it looks like he is almost ready to offer a prize for slaying. Read this:

"The fine of Irble Eberhart, convicted on a charge of manslaughter and fined \$500 for the death of Oliver V. Farris at Russellville last May, was reduced to \$100 by Acting Governor Hiram Lloyd Wednesday."

"Following the reduction in the fine Mr. Eberhart paid the \$100 assessed against him and the costs Wednesday."

"Mr. Farris was killed in a fight over a dog when his head struck the curb when he was knocked down by Eberhart in the altercation."

"Eberhart was convicted at the November term of circuit court."

SPRATT HEADS THE AUTOMOBILE CLUB

At the annual meeting of the board of directors of the St. Joseph Automobile Club, held at the Elks Club Tuesday, Will E. Spratt was elected president; Wesley L. Connett, vice president; J. J. Cain was re-elected secretary and J. E. Combs treasurer. The directors elected are: George E. McIninch, L. S. Stubbs, M. P. Lawler, W. L. Connett, C. U. Philley, S. R. Farmer, William E. Spratt, James E. Cox, C. R. Berry, W. A. Bodenhausen, J. E. Combs, L. R. Grant, Frank A. Boder, A. E. Ueberrhein and W. R. Seaman.

COLORFUL FOLKS LIKE SPECIAL DELIVERY

The white people of St. Joseph are not in it in the use of special delivery stamps when mailing letters compared with the colored people. They use the special delivery in preference to the messenger service and last week at this office more fully demonstrated this fact. A great majority of the special delivery letters and packages pass between the men of the younger set and their "sweeties." In ordinary times Saturday is the big sales day for the stamps and Sunday is the day that the big deliveries occur.

WHOOPEE! HOLD YOUR BREATH! SOME NORMALCY!

DETROIT, Dec. 28.—The American Electrical Heater Company plans the distribution of a 300 per cent dividend with an increase in capitalization from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000. It was announced today. The Buhi Land Company and the Buhi Stamping Company announce a 100 per cent dividend.

FAMOUS VICTOR ARTISTS

They Will Delight the People at the Auditorium Monday, Jan. 8.

Mrs. Francis Henry Hill has again secured that sterling association, the Eight Famous Victor Artists, for a programme at the Auditorium on the night of Monday, January 8th. This organization so delighted the people here last year, that a demand was made on Mrs. Hill for a return engagement this season. The organization is made up of Henry Burr, whose real name known the world over is Harry McClaskey and whose delightful tenor voice has entranced countless thousands all over the country. His versatile talent has found many outlets, but it is probably as a singer of tuneful, "heart-interest" ballads that he is most widely known.

Billy Murray, of the rapid-fire trumpet-voice, has become known as the "funniest man who makes records." His natural talent and wit coupled with his ability to sing more words to the minute as you can understand them than anyone else on earth, have placed him in the forefront of humorous singers.

Albert Campbell, the first tenor of the Peerless Quartet and one of the Sterling Trio, is a New Yorker by birth, education and taste. His career has been almost entirely confined to making records. He has been especially successful in duets with Henry Burr.

Rudy Wiedoeft at an early age began an intensive study of the clarinet, but discarded that instrument when the saxophone made its appearance several years ago. At that time there were no instruction books for the saxophone, but his natural ability and perseverance surmounted all difficulties.

Frank Croton, the basso of the party, has spent many years on the stage and concert platform, and is especially famous as an oratorio singer. He is bass soloist at the Brick Church, Fifth Avenue, New York, but excels also in lighter music and is heard to splendid advantage with the Peerless Quartet.

Monroe Silver is best known through his "Cohen" records. His talent for mimicry of the song and speech of the East Side Jew is remarkable. He has had great experience as a maker and producer of vaudeville and other entertainments.

John Meyer, baritone of the Peerless Quartet and the Sterling Trio, was for several years baritone soloist at the Church of the Incarnation, New York, but has long since given it up to devote his time to concert and record work.

Frank Banta, the pianist and accompanist, has specialized in Jazz. Nobody is more versatile in devising new ragtime effects at the keyboard, and he has a keen sense of musical humor.

The Peerless Quartet (Campbell, Burr-Meyer-Croton) and the Sterling Trio (Campbell-Burr-Meyer) have pleased a host of admirers for many years, and are two of the most popular ensemble organizations singing for the Victor.

CARTER SENT TO THE COUNTY JAIL

Judge Alta Van Valkenburgh at Kansas City Wednesday, sentenced George W. Carter of this city, former boss of the now defunct Carter-Williams Grain & Coal Co., which was declared bankrupt April 15 with liabilities of \$12,900, to jail here, until he turns over \$8,617 to the referee in bankruptcy from whom he is concealing it. Carter will neither tell where it is or produce it.

NEW COUNTY COURT IN MONDAY

On Monday Frank J. Buzard will assume the position of presiding judge of the county court, and Henry Farris and Ben Strang will be his associates. Buzard is the only gop representative on the board.

HICKORY BARK NORMALCY!

John C. Whitmore, a farmer of Buchanan county, filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy in federal court Thursday, listing his assets at \$3,647.99 and his debts at \$2,495.